I beleive that if a person has over 20 years of experence as an amateur radio operator he has shown that he is able to handle the extra privlages of the extra class. I would also suggest that to make things easier to grandfather all advance class operators to extra class there by doing away with the advance class all together. As for as the Novice class is concern I would have no problem with upgrading them to the Tech. class. I would suggest that they would be required to file a new application within 90 days to get the Tech. I believe that you will find that most people that still hold the novice class and have not upgraded are not active and will not apply therefore the paperwork would be minium and you could eliminate the novice class.

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